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1. IZVESTIYA AUGUST 20 CARRIED TASS REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S
CHICAGO VFW SPEECH, SUMMARIZING ONLY HIS REMARKS ON
AMNESTY FOR VIET NAM WAR RESISTERS AND ON UNEMPLOYMENT
AMONG VETERANS. PRAVDA IGNORED SPEECH. PRAVDA AUGUST 21
CARRIES SKIMPY TASS ITEM REPORTING NOMINATION OF
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ROCKEFELLER TO BE VICE PRESIDENT AND BRIEF

BIOGRAPHIC DETAILS. NEXT TO IT IS TASS STORY ON THE RECORD PROFITS EARNED BY AMERICAN MONOPOLIES. AUGUST 20 TV SHOW VREMYA RAN FILM CLIPS ON VFW SPEECH AND ROCKEFELLER NOMINATION.

2. WRITING IN AUGUST 21 LITERARY GAZETTE, YURIY SOLTON DECLARES THAT LIFE IN WASHINGTON HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL TWO WEEKS AFTER NIXON RESIGNATION, WITH DIRECTIONS OF FORD'S POLICY NOW CLEAR: INTERNALLY, BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION; EXTERNALLY, CONTINUATION OF DETENTE WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. SAME PAGE FEATURES EXCERPTS FROM ATLANTIC MAGAZINE PROFILE OF SENATOR JACKSON WRITTEN BY DANIEL YERDZHIN (PHONETIC). ALTHOUGH MODERATE IN TONE BY SOVIET PRESS STANDARDS, ARTICLE PORTRAYS JACKSON AS RIGID COLD WARRIOR WITH INCONSISTENT SENSE OF MORALITY. IN SAME ISSUE, WRITER ALEKSANDR KRIVITSKIY REPORTS ON HIS VISIT TO BANK OF AMERICA IN SAN FRANCISCO, MIXING DIGS AT MONOPOLY CORPORATIONS, PESSIMISTIC REPORTS ON U.S. ECONOMY, AND OPTIMISTIC FORECASTS FROM BANK OFFICIAL RE TRADE WITH USSR.

3. KOMSOMOL'SKAYA PRAVDA AUGUST 21 PRINTS INTERVIEW WITH GOVERNOR HARRIMAN BY CORRESPONDENT A. MANAKOV. HARRIMAN DEFENDS DETENTE AND SPEAKS OPTIMISTICALLY OF PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS ALONG FAMILIAR LINES. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION ON FOREIGN POLICY OF NEW ADMINISTRATION, HARRIMAN PREDICTS THAT U.S. AND USSR WILL ACHIEVE EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT RESULTS IN PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AND PEACEFUL COOPERATION THAN IN PAST YEARS.

4. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT ROCKEFELLER, ON HIS RECORD, WAS SOVIETS' FAVORED CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT (OVER PAST WEEK PRESS HAS TENDED TO LIST HIM FIRST IN DISCUSSING VP CANDIDATES). SPARSENESS OF COMMENT SO FAR IS PROBABLY DUE TO LACK OF REACTION TIME RATHER THAN TO ANY UNHAPPINESS WITH THE CHOICE. STOESEL

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